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POETRY: *A Magazine of Verse*

PICTURES OF WOMEN

AN OLD WOMAN WITH FLOWERS

I like to see the eager-faced old woman
Walking at sunset down the city street.
Always she holds against her heart with fervor
Her sprays of meadow-sweet.

She passes daily, and I never see her
Without the flowers she gathers to her so.
I do not know how destiny softens, hardens
The ways her feet must go,

Nor what her eyes forever are beholding
Beyond the sordid walls and grimy towers,
Nor what against her aged heart she presses,
Pressing the meadow flowers.

THE SLACKER

The snow is lying very deep.
My house is sheltered from the blast.
I hear each muffled step outside,
I hear each voice go past.

But I'll not venture in the drift
Out of this bright security,
Till enough footsteps come and go
To make a path for me.